

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Seong Fong CHEN et al. Confirmation No.: 8495
Serial No.: 10/666,650 Group Art Unit: 1796
Filed: September 17, 2003 Examiner: Kuo Liang Peng
For: SURFACE MODIFICATION OF ELASTOMERIC ARTICLES

DECLARATION OF SEONG FONG CHEN, CHUANG SIM CHONG, AND WEI CHEONG WONG UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We, the co-inventors of the above-identified patent application, declare that:

1. The above-identified patent application, filed September 17, 2003, claims the surface modification of elastomeric articles.

2. We are familiar with the contents and prosecution history of the above-identified application (including Office Actions dated September 20, 2006, April 18, 2007, and October 9, 2007). We have read and are familiar with U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0126604 to Wang et al. (hereafter "the Wang publication"). The Wang publication was cited by the Examiner in each of the above-mentioned Office Actions.

3. The Wang publication is a publication of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/690,653, filed October 21, 2003, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/420,200, filed October 22, 2002.

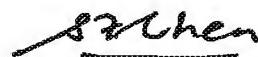
4. The above-referenced application and the Wang publication both name one of us (Wei Cheong Wong) as an inventor.

5. The Examiner rejected claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over the Wang publication in the September 20, 2006 Office Action in the above-referenced application, stating: "[the] Wang [publication] discloses a glove coated with a composition comprising cetyl pyridinium chloride, a polydimethylsiloxane, and an ammonium salts of alkyl phosphate. The glove can be made of natural rubber, nitrile and/or polyisoprene. ([0009], [0022], [0030]-[0034] and Examples)" The Examiner maintained the rejection over the Wang publication in the Office Action of October 9, 2007 in the above-referenced application, and referred to the cited portion of the September 20, 2006 Office Action in support.

6. The subject matter cited by the Examiner in support of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over the Wang publication was disclosed but not claimed in the Wang publication. We are the inventors of the subject matter cited by the Examiner in support of the rejection over the Wang publication. Specifically, we are the inventors of a glove coated with a composition comprising cetyl pyridinium chloride, a polydimethylsiloxane, and an ammonium salts of alkyl phosphate.

7. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and correct and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States code, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: 31 January, 2008



Seong Fong Chen

Date: 31st January, 2008



Chuang Sim Chong

Date: 31st January, 2008



Wei Cheong Wong